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**Bunnings Community Gardens**
It was fantastic to see so many community members attending our community gardens day sponsored by **Bunnings Innisfail**. The gardens are looking fantastic and we are all eagerly awaiting the production of some delicious, healthy produce. A special thank you to Travis for providing extra muscle and tools and cooking the sausage sizzle on the day. The senior class have all written letters of thanks to Bunnings for their assistance.

June 14th, 2016

To whom it may concern,

We thank you for the help and assistance you have provided for McDonnell Creek State School to upgrade our gardens and provide the materials to do so. To be able to provide the composter to break down the scraps of the produce for the worms in the worm farm is also helpful.

The gardens look beautiful with the lush, rich garden soil and the plants that you have allowed us to grow. The paintings on the tin around the garden beds look beautiful after the bright, vibrant colours of the paint. They really stand out in the school now.

I can’t wait to eat the fresh, sweet fruit and give the scraps to those tiny worms in the worm farm. I bet the veggies will be just as good for us, and the worms as well. The produce will make a happy and healthy environment at our school.

All this help has really improved the old gardens making them look bright, colourful and vibrant. I think it will really help the small school we learn in so much.

Kind regards, Hein (Year 5)
Tennis Morning Tea
Our small school community is fortunate enough to have a group who play tennis at the school each Tuesday morning. As part of our Hot Shots program we decided to hold a tennis morning tea so that the students could test out their new skills with our tennis regulars. It was a fun filled morning. The Hot Shots shirts were a big hit with students, staff and parents alike. We would like to thank Tennis Australia for making this program available to our school. A special thanks to Karen who took photos and wrote on the tennis certificates.

Combined Schools Track & Field Carnival
Nine members of the senior class participated in the Combined Schools Track & Field Carnival at Babinda P-12 School on Thursday June 16. It was a wet and soggy day with all students showing resilience and persistence under difficult weather conditions. Aaron (Year 6) was selected to represent the Combined Schools at the Mulgrave District Track & Field Carnival in term 3. Thank you to Ms Buﬁ who ofﬁciated at the carnival on behalf on the school.
League Tag Afternoon
NRL Development Officer Tyson Muscat recently ran a Backyard League program at our school as part of our Sporting Schools agreement. During this time, the students participated in rugby league based learning activities in a fun and supportive learning environment.

As a small school with an enrolment of 24 students we often miss out on big sporting opportunities that other schools are afforded. We wanted to run a league tag afternoon as a culminating activity for our rugby league learning program. We invited two local small schools to attend our league tag afternoon. Bellenden Kerr accepted the offer to join our school activity.

Year 3-6 students participated in skills activities and a league tag round robin while developing new friendships and social skills. The P-2 students were joined by Bellenden Ker P-2 students completing fun classroom based activities and parachute games. The day concluded with a sausage sizzle kindly cooked by Gary. A special thank you to both Gary and Jen for transporting our new school BBQ from Cairns this week.

Without the assistance of Tyson and Tallulah, our league tag afternoon would not have been possible. They both provided refereeing, umpiring and their expertise to create an informative and fun filled afternoon. We would like to thank the NRL development team for supporting our small school.

Community Helpers
Helen Keller said, “Alone we do can so little; together we can do so much.” This is true of our school community who are only too happy to provide assistance. A special thank you to Lea Worth who kindly donated hand-made school bunting to use at future community events.

Library Book Covering
The library staff are continuing to create a new pile of books ready for covering. We would appreciate your assistance if you have any available time before parade on Thursday so that these books can be used by the students.
McDonnell Creek State School Newsletter

Student of the week

Gotcha Winners

Super Spellers

Behaviour Awards

More Photos
Reading your child’s report (Michael Grose; Director Parenting Ideas 2015)

Reports can mean anxious times for children. Will my parents be disappointed or proud? This is the main concern of most children. Kids of all ages take their cues from their parents, so your reaction to their school report can affect the way they see themselves as learners and people.

Before you rip open the sealed envelope containing the report, do a little self-check to see if you are in the right frame of mind:

1. Are your expectations for your son or daughter realistic and in line with their ability?
   Expectations are tricky. If they are too high, then kids can be turned off learning. Too low and there is nothing to strive for. Pitch your expectations in line with your child’s abilities. A quick check of your child’s last report cards may provide you with a good yardstick.

2. Do you believe that children learn at different rates?
   There are slow bloomers, late developers and steady-as-you-go kids in every classroom, so avoid comparing your child to siblings, your friends’ children and even yourself when you were a child. Instead, look for individual progress.

3. Are you willing to safeguard your child’s self-esteem rather than deflate it?
   Self-confidence is a pre-requisite for learning, so be prepared to be as positive and encouraging as possible.

Here are some ideas to consider when you open your child’s report:

Focus on strengths. Do you look for strengths or weaknesses first? The challenge is to focus on strengths even if they are not in the traditional 3R’s or core subjects.

Take into account your child’s effort and attitude to learning. If the report indicates that effort is below standard, then you have something to work on. If your child is putting in the required effort, then you cannot ask any more than that, regardless of the grading.

Broaden your focus away from academic performance to form a picture of your child’s progress as a member of a social setting. How your child gets along with his or her peers will influence his happiness and well-being, as well as give an indicator to his future. The skills of independence and cooperation are highly valued by employers so don’t dismiss these as unimportant.

Take note of student self-assessment. Kids are generally very honest and will give a realistic assessment of their progress. They are generally very perceptive so take note of their opinions.

Discuss the report with your son or daughter talking about strengths first before looking at area that need improvement. Ask for their opinion about how they performed and discuss their concerns.

After reports are read and discussed celebrate your child’s efforts with a special activity or treat. In this way you will recognise progress and remind them that the holidays are a time when they can forget about assessment, tests and reports for a while.

Date Claimers
11/07/2016 First day of Term 3
11/07/2016 Bravehearts Visit
22/07/2016 Show holiday

Star gazing event was postponed until term 3. More information will be provided at a later date.
Qld parents can now get free parenting support!
The State Government is giving parents and carers of children up to the age of 16 free access to the evidence-based Triple P – Positive Parenting Program. Triple P helps parents use positive feedback and encouragement to guide behaviour and give children the best start in life. Families can sign up for as much or as little support as they like by going to www.triplep-parenting.net. New sessions added regularly.

Well Women’s Clinics at Edmonton Community Health
(These clinics are available to Medicare eligible clients)

Monday 4th July 2016
Service includes Pap Smears, Sexual Health Screening, Breast Awareness, also info on Contraception, Continence, Menopause, Lifestyle Issues, Domestic Violence, etc. All services are provided by a specially trained Women’s Health Nurse.
For appointments phone 4226 4900
BABINDA STATE SCHOOL
P&c Association

TRIVIA NIGHT

DATE: Friday 29th July, 2016
TIME: 7pm - Doors open at 6:30pm
VENUE: Great Hall, Babinda P-12 State School
THEME: 80’s Flash Back
COST: $15 per person includes supper
Teams of up to 8 people
♦ Bar Operating on the Night ♦

Reserve a table NOW - Phone the school on 40 678 333
and nominate your team today!

Prizes for:
Champion Team, Best Dressed Team, Lucky Door and heaps more ....

The eighties was the decade when MTV ensured video killed the radio star, punk came into its own and the King of Pop moonwalked his way into our hearts. Everyone was going giddy for glam, it was acceptable for men to have longer hair then women, heavy metal thrived and Baywatch babes graced our screens.